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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING UPDATE: MAJOR PROJECT PORT CONSTRUCTION

REF: (A) STATE A-3450 (4/29/74); (B) TEGUCIGALPA 2983

(7/16/74); (C) TEGUCIGALPA 0867 (2/28/74); (D) -

TEGUCIGALPA A-139 (12/21/73)

1. PREQUALIFYING DEADLINE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PORT FACILITY AT SAN LORENZO (ALSO CALLED HENECAN) IN THE GULF OF FONSECA WAS 4/30/74 (REF. C AND D). THREE U.S. FIRMS HAVE PREQUALIFIED: RAYMOND INTERNATIONAL (NEW YORK); H. B. FOWLER (WASBE, PA.); NELLO TEER (DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA). INFORMATION ON ANY OTHER FIRMS WHICH MAY HAVE PREQUALIFIED UNAVAILABLE.

2. INVITATION TO BID PROBABLY BE ISSUED AROUND AUGUST 1 WITH CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ABOUT OCTOBER. APPROXIMATE PROJECT COST BETWEEN \$5 - \$6 MILLION.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH ENCOURAGE PREQUALIFIED U.S. COMPANIES TO PRESENT PROPOSALS.

4. REPORT CONSTRUCTION AT PUERTO CASTILLA (REF D), HYDROLOGICAL SURVEY OF BY OF TRUJILLO CONTINUING AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED LATTER PART 1974. ADEQUATE PORT FACILITY HAS ACQUIRED ADDITIONAL IMPORTANCE AS OUTLET FOR AGUAN VALLEY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND FOR PROPOSED FISH MEAL PLANT TO BE LOCATED IN THE AREA. FINANCING  
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AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR PORT NOT YET DEVELOPED,

HOWEVER.

5. NATIONAL PORT AUTHORITY (ENP) PLANNING INSTALL TWO SPECIALIZED PIERS TO HANDLE WHEAT AND CHEMICALS AT PUERTO CORTES. FINANCING NOT YET DETERMINED. HOPE TO CALL FOR BIDS AROUND SEPTEMBER 1974 AND ANTICIPATE TWO YEAR CONSTRUCTION TIME. ESTIMATED COST - \$1 MILLION.

6. ATTENDANT TO THE INSTALLATION OF A LARGE CEMENT PLANT NEAR CUYAMEL ON THE NORTH COAST, WILL BE A BULK LOADING PORT FACILITY LARGE ENOUGH TO HANDLE 20,000 TON BULK CARRIERS (SEE TEGUCIGALPA 2053 OF 5/14/74 AND TEGUCIGALPA A-73 OF 7/17/74). SPECIFIC DETAILS ON PORT REQUIREMENTS NOT YET AVAILABLE.

7. OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ABOVE PROJECT IS ING. ANTONIO COELLO, MANAGER, EMPRESA NACIONAL PORTUARIA, PUERTO CORTES, CORTES, HONDURAS. SANCHEZ

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